Revision in Price of Levy Sugar

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of the levy sugar has been revised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for raising the price of levy sugar twice within a period of six months;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the quota of sugar per unit in the rural areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). The retail issue price of levy sugar for distribution through the Public Distribution System has been revised from Rs. 6.10 per Kg. which was effective from 24.7.1991 (evening) to Rs.6.90 per Kg. with effect from 21.1.1992. This revision has been necessitated in view of the increase in ex-factory prices of levy sugar resulting from increase in the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane and manufacturing cost of sugar as also the increase in distribution cost.

(d) to (f). The quota of sugar per unit in the rural areas, within the overall allocation made to each State, is determined by the concerned State Governments.

Problems of Sugar Industry

5407. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA· Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state·

(a) whether the State Governments have increased the price of sugarcane whereas the Union Government have reduced the sugar prices;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide subsidy to sugar industry; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problems of the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Government of India have increased the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane from Rs. 23 per quintal of cane in 1990-91 season to Rs. 26 per quintal of cane, linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% with proportionate premium for higher recovery, for 1991-92 season (October to September). Based on this cane price and other escalations in cost, Government of India have reviewed the zonal ex-factory levy sugar prices and have notified the same for 1991-92 season on 21.01.1992, which are higher than that notified for 1990-91 season on 27.03.1991. However, some State Governments are reported to have announced higher State Advised Cane Prices.

(b) State Governments have been advised to exercise restraint while announcing State Advised Cane Prices.

(c) No, Sir.